

Mediterranean Sea

Ancient Egypt Year 3

How do we know about what happened so long ago?

Why was the River Nile so important?

What was discovered inside Tutankhamun's tomb?

Who did they worship? Who were the Pharaohs?

What is mummification?

Why did they build pyramids?

What was the Egyptian number system?

Key Vocabulary to learn

Afterlife – The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died

Akhet – The season of the year when the Nile river flooded

Canopic jars – Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach

Dynasty – A period of rule when a series of kings or pharaohs all came from the same family

Hieroglyphics – A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols

Papyrus – A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile

Pharaohs – The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt

Sarcophagus – A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin

Pyramid – a building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb

Mummification – the process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife

Who did the Egyptian's worship?

What are hieroglyphics?

Who was Cleopatra?

What did the ancient Egyptians do for fun?

What was the Egyptian number system?



Where is Egypt?

Who are the Ancient Egyptians?

Key dates

7,500BC – First settlers arrive in Nile Valley.

3,200BC – Hieroglyphs used to keep records.

2,640BC – First pyramid is built.

2,200BC – First ploughs attached to oxen (modern farming begins).

1,539BC – Pharaohs begin to be buried with their treasure.

1,332BC – The ten year rule of Tutankhamun begins.

51BC – Cleopatra's reign begins. The Ancient Egyptian civilisation ends with her death.

